

## **Abstract**

This bachelor thesis „Use of Citizen Journalism by newspapers Hospodářské noviny and Le Soir during the Brussels assassination in March 2016“ aims to understand phenomenon of citizen journalism and its usage in the regular work of professional journalists in times of crises. This thesis analyses the product of citizen journalists was viewed, valued and used in news coverage of the Brussels terrorist attacks in March 2016. A content analyses of live coverage by the Belgian newspaper Le Soir and the Czech newspaper Hospodářské noviny also identifies the origin of citizen journalists content, to what extent it was used by these newspapers, and challenges related to its use. The main purpose of this thesis is to ascertain how such content could contribute to final news product.

In addition to conducting content analyses and exploring theoretical concepts about citizen journalism, I interviewed Mr. Marc Metdepenningen and Mr. Martin Ehl, editors of Le Soir and Hospodářské noviny respectively. Using comparative analyses and interviews, I analyse the relationship between citizen witnesses and news organizations.